



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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The following is Applicants response to the restriction requirement mailed August 17, 2006.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has requested restriction of Applicants' claims to one of the following distinct compounds:

- I. Claims directed to compounds of formula I (claims 1-24, 38-41, 43, 44 and 46);
- II. Claims directed to compounds of formula II (claims 25-33 and 45); and
- III. Claims 34-37 and 42 directed to compound of the formula F*-M-X.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group II comprising claims directed to compounds of formula II (claims 25-33 and 45).